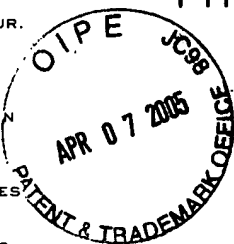


AP 6
ZFW

MORGAN L. FITCH, JR.
FRANCIS A. EVEN*
JULIUS TABIN*
JOHN F. FLANNERY
ROBERT B. JONES
JAMES J. SCHUMANN
JAMES J. HAMILL
TIMOTHY E. LEVSTIK
JOSEPH E. SHIPLEY
KENNETH H. SAMPLES
PHILIP T. PETTI
JOSEPH T. NABOR
STEVEN C. SCHROER
RICHARD A. KABA*
KARL R. FINK
MARK W. HETZLER
TIMOTHY P. MALONEY
JAMES P. KRUEGER
STEPHEN S. FAVAKEH
RICHARD E. WAWRZYNIAK
STEVEN G. PARMELEE
THOMAS F. LEBENS
BRUCE R. MANSFIELD
KENDREW H. COLTON*
G. PAUL EDGELL*
MICHAEL A. SANZO*
SCOTT J. MENGHINI
NORMAN N. KUNITZ*
RUDY KRATZ
RAMON R. HOCH*
JOHN D. BAUERSFELD*
GARY D. MANN



FITCH, EVEN, TABIN & FLANNERY

ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELLORS AT LAW

Established in 1859

SUITE 401L - 1801 K STREET, NW
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20006-1201

TELEPHONE (202) 419-7000

FACSIMILE (202) 419-7007

ILLINOIS OFFICE

SUITE 1600 - 120 SOUTH LA SALLE STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60603-3406

TELEPHONE (312) 577-7000

CALIFORNIA OFFICES

SUITE 250 - 9276 SCRANTON ROAD, SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

TELEPHONE (858) 552-1311

WARNER CENTER TOWERS, SUITE 780, 21800 OXNARD ST., WOODLAND HILLS, CA 91367

TELEPHONE (818) 715-7025

COLORADO OFFICE

SUITE 213 - 1942 BROADWAY, BOULDER, COLORADO 80302

TELEPHONE (303) 402-6966

April 7, 2005

EDWARD E. CLAIR
JON A. BIRMINGHAM
JOHN E. LYHUS
STEVEN M. FREELAND
DONNA E. BECKER
BRIAN S. CLISE
MARTIN R. BADER
MARK A. BORSOS
TIMOTHY R. BAUMANN
JEFFREY A. CHELSTROM
NICHOLAS T. PETERS
KENNETH E. PLOCHINSKI
GRACE LAW O'BRIEN
CHRISTINE A. ABUEL
TARA M. REEDY

PATENT AGENTS

ERIC J. WHITESSELL
LILIA I. SAFONOV
NADA J. ARDELEANU
JULIE A. HOPPER

OF COUNSEL

GEORGE W. SPELLMIRE, JR.
LISA M. SOMMER
GEORGE H. SPENCER, P.C.*

TECHNICAL ADVISOR

JOHN M. BRONK, PH.D.

*ADMITTED TO D.C. BAR
D.C. PRACTICE OF ALL OTHERS
LIMITED TO FEDERAL COURTS
AND AGENCIES

Commissioner of Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
2011 South Clark Place
Customer Window, MS AF
Crystal Plaza Two, Lobby, Room 1B03
Arlington, VA 22202

Re: Petition for Extension of Time for Co-pendency
Appl. No.: 09/647,481 ✓
Filed: September 29, 2000
Title: **Receptor**
Inventor(s): Ahmad, *et al.*
Atty. Dkt.: 7567/73170 (formerly 81823/273963)

Dear Sir:

The following documents are being forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Petition for Extension of Time for Co-pendency; and
2. Return postcard.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge the fee for this 5-month extension of time in the amount of \$2,160.00 to our Deposit Account No. 06-1135 under Order No. 7567/73170. The Director is also authorized to charge any fee deficiency with respect to this filing and any other fee required in connection with the present case, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 06-1135 under Order No. 7567/73170.

Commissioner of Patents

April 7, 2005

Page 2

It is respectfully requested that the enclosed postcard be stamped with the date the enclosed documents are received by the PTO and that it be returned as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

FITCH, EVEN, TABIN & FLANNERY

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael A. Sanzo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'M' and 'S'.

Michael A. Sanzo

Reg. No. 36,912

Attorney for Applicants

MAS:ct

Enclosures